## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT W. DIST. OF N.C.

IN THE MATTER OF

**DISTRIBUTION OF STATE:** 

**ORDER** 

DEATH PENALTY CASES

AND FEDERAL CAPITAL CASES

The following case assignment and case reassignment allocations will be applied throughout the division, with no consideration given to the division in which a death penalty case may have been filed. Unless specifically stated otherwise, these case assignment allocations are effective with the date of this Order and shall supersede all other prior orders of this Court pertaining to death penalty and federal capital cases.

- 1. All cases will be assigned among the active District Court Judges on an alternating basis between Judge Bell, Judge Reidinger, Judge Cogburn, Judge Conrad and Judge Whitney, regardless of the division in which the case is filed or originated.
- 2. Case assignments will be adjusted from time to time by the chief judge and the other judges involved based on the circumstances of a given case, or the relative death penalty caseloads then being worked by all judges in the district. This assignment may be without resort to divisions of origin if the relative number of cases held by the judges is uneven.
- 3. Judge Conrad, Judge Bell, and Judge Whitney will not be assigned any case in which they have a conflict by their service as the United States Attorney.

- 4. In cases of conflict of interest or other reason barring assignment the case will be randomly assigned to another eligible district judge.
- 5. Cases may be reassigned to another judge after consultation with the affected judge(s) and the Chief Judge of the district and without further Order of this Court.

The Clerk is directed to serve copies of this Order to all district court judges, all magistrate judges, the United States Attorney, the Chief United States Probation Officer, the United States Marshall, all deputy clerks and all court reporters.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day Que 2019.

Frank D. Whitney, Chief Robert J. Conrad, Jr. U.S. District Judge

U.S. District Judge

Martin Reidinger

V.S. District Judge

Graham C. Mullen, Senior

U.S. District Judge

Max O. Cogburn,

U.S. District Judge

Richard L. Voorhees, Senior

U.S. District Judge